

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 10, all other claims having been cancelled.

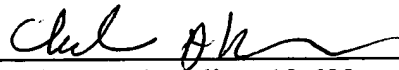
Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the Kizawa et al reference and the cancellation of claim 11 obviates this ground of rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 to 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by the Calvete et al reference and claims 3 to 5 and 7 were indicated as being drawn to allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection since it is believed that the amendment to claim 1 obviates this ground of rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to specify the chromatographic medium as being selected from the group consisting of that set forth in claims 3 to 5 which the Examiner has deemed to be allowable. Therefore, it is believed that all of the claims are drawn to allowable subject matter and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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